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1845-1858

4-46 E. Hamburg St. (North side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The long rows of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs built along this side of Hamburg St. by John S. Gittings in the 1840's and 1850's, are typical of the type of working class housing built in large numbers in this section of Federal Hill in this period. The houses were generally rented to a variety of tenants. Many of these houses have recently been renovated or are in the process of being renovated. 36 E. Hamburg St. is the one exception in the group, being only a two story, gable-roofed house. It was built, however, in the same period.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4-16 E. Hamburg St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (4,8)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (6,10,12,14,16)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs were built as a unit in the late 1840's by the same builder who constructed the adjoining rows on E. Hamburg St. and the rows on Wheeling St. immediately to the rear of this row. Most of the units have been covered with formstone but some are in the process of being restored.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, vary in width from 12 1/2' to 13 1/2', and occupy lots ranging from 54 1/2' to 56 1/2' deep. The houses are two rooms deep and were originally built with one story high, two bay deep kitchen additions. These remain on some of the houses, have been replaced with modern structures on some, and are gone on others. The houses are constructed in common bond, although 6, 10, 14, and 16 have been covered with formstone and 12 has been covered with stucco. The low-pitched gable roofs have continuous, two-tier brick cornices. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located on both its front and rear gable. 4-6 E. Hamburg share paired double hooded chimneys; 8-10 and 12-14 E. Hamburg share paired flat chimneys; and 16 E. Hamburg has its chimneys located along its east end wall. The rear additions do not currently have chimneys. Each pair of houses also shares a flat-roofed alleyway (6-8, 10-12, and 14-16).

Because of the formstone coverings, the original lintels and sills can only be seen at 4 and 8 E. Hamburg St. The houses as built had wood lintels and sills on the first and second floor openings. The attic windows had no lintels but did have wood sills. As of this writing, the window openings on all of the houses except for 8 E. Hamburg are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 8 E. Hamburg is in the process of being restored and has new 6/6 sash on the first and second floors and new 3/3 sash in the attic windows. The houses have a mixed array of door types, though all have narrow, rectangular single light transoms. 4 E. Hamburg has a late Victorian glass and panel door; 6 E. Hamburg has a Mission-style oak door; 8 E. Hamburg has a modern six panel door; 10 E. Hamburg has a modern flush door with lights in the door; and 12-16 E. Hamburg have modern glass and panel doors. The houses sit on fairly low basements, the entrances being reached by two or three brick or stone steps, depending on the size of the steps. Each house has a square-shaped coal opening located beneath the first floor window.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1845-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John S. Gittings

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This row of houses is representative of a large group of such houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the Federal Hill area to accomodate the growing labor force centered around the Baltimore waterfront. Although showing possible stylistic influences from Greek Revival style buildings constructed in Baltimore in the 1820's and 1830's (in the proportions of the attic windows and the chaste exterior details), the outstanding feature of these houses is their extreme simplicity of design and detailing. They are practical adaptations of a current mode of building, designed to meet the need for efficient, low-cost housing for a growing working class community. The floor plan is essentially the same as that of the two story with dormer windows type of house which generally preceded this type chronologically--the two main floors having both a front and back room separated by an enclosed, narrow and tightly winding staircase. Both front and back rooms usually have fireplaces. The kitchen was usually located in a rear addition which was only one story in height. The increase in the height of the third story (from a dormer story to an attic story) allowed the third story to be divided into two separate rooms, in place of the one open room usual with the dormer-storied houses, thus providing welcome additional, private living space. The houses are usually located on shallow lots and there is not a great deal of rear yard space.

Houses of this type were usually rented, a block of such houses often being held by a single landlord, in most cases the builder or developer. This is the case here. The houses were built by John S. Gittings, an active real-estate developer in Baltimore, who also built similar rows on the rest of the north side of Hamburg St., and on the south side of Wheeling St., from 3-25 Wheeling St. These particular houses remained in the possession of the Gittings family until 1919 (4-6 Hamburg) and until 1935 (8-26 Hamburg.)¹

This block of houses, including 18-26 and 28-46 E. Hamburg St., is currently undergoing extensive renovation activity, both by individual owners and outside investors.

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber SCL 3316, Folio 143; Liber SCL 5529, Folio 410

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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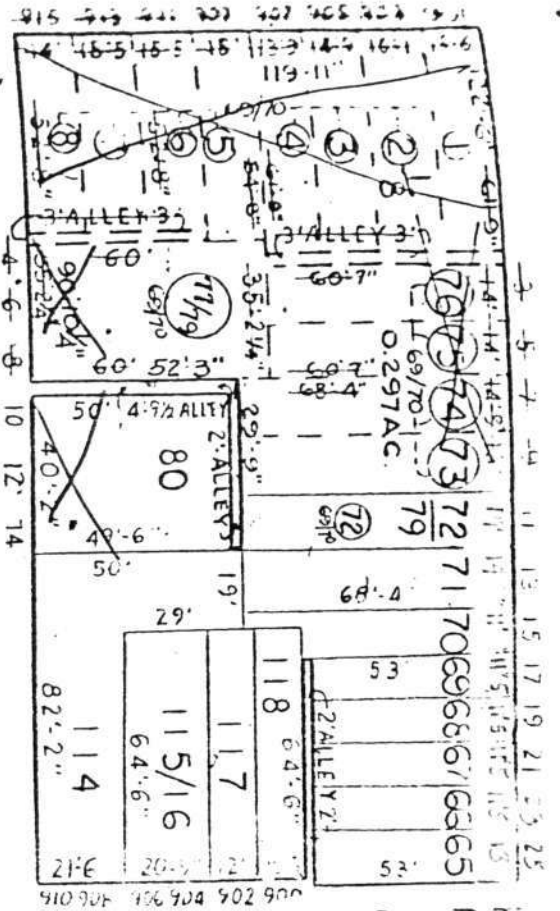
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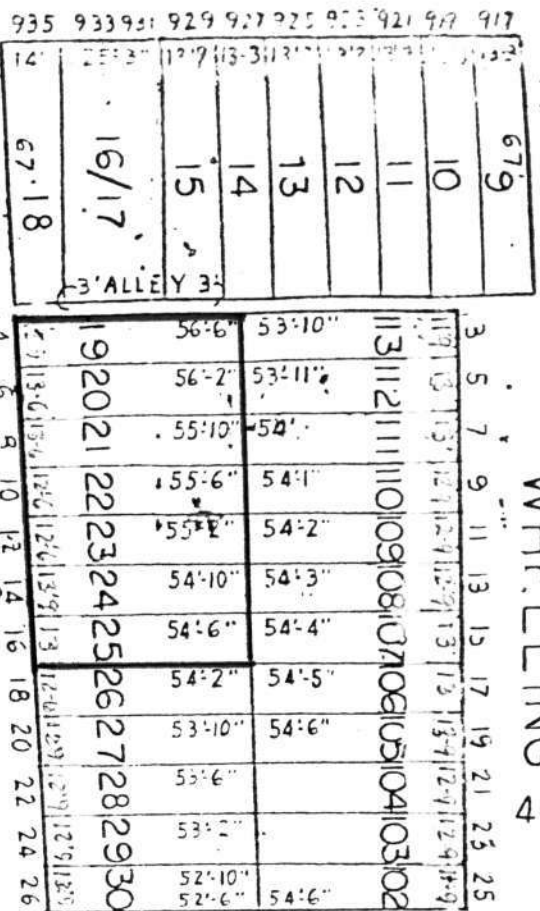
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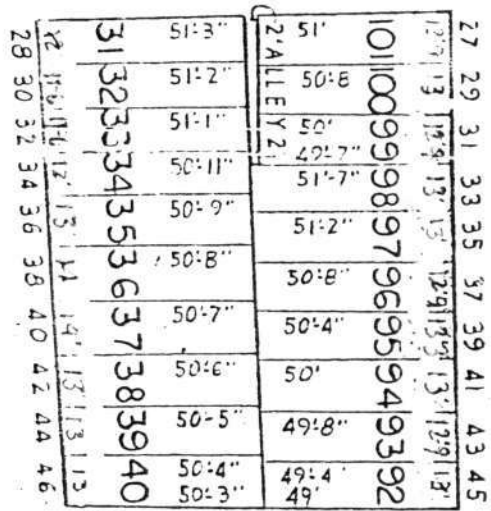
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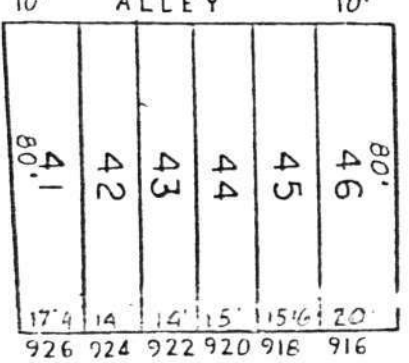
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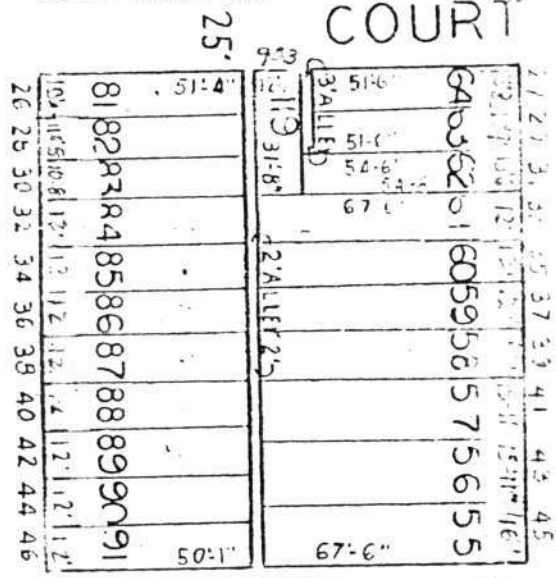
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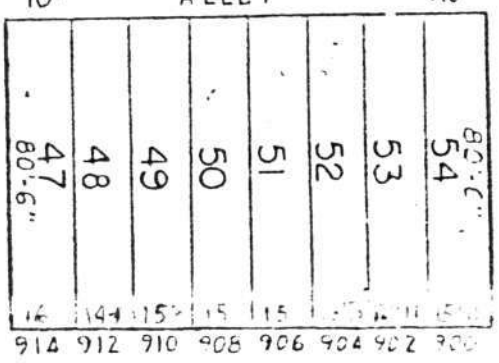
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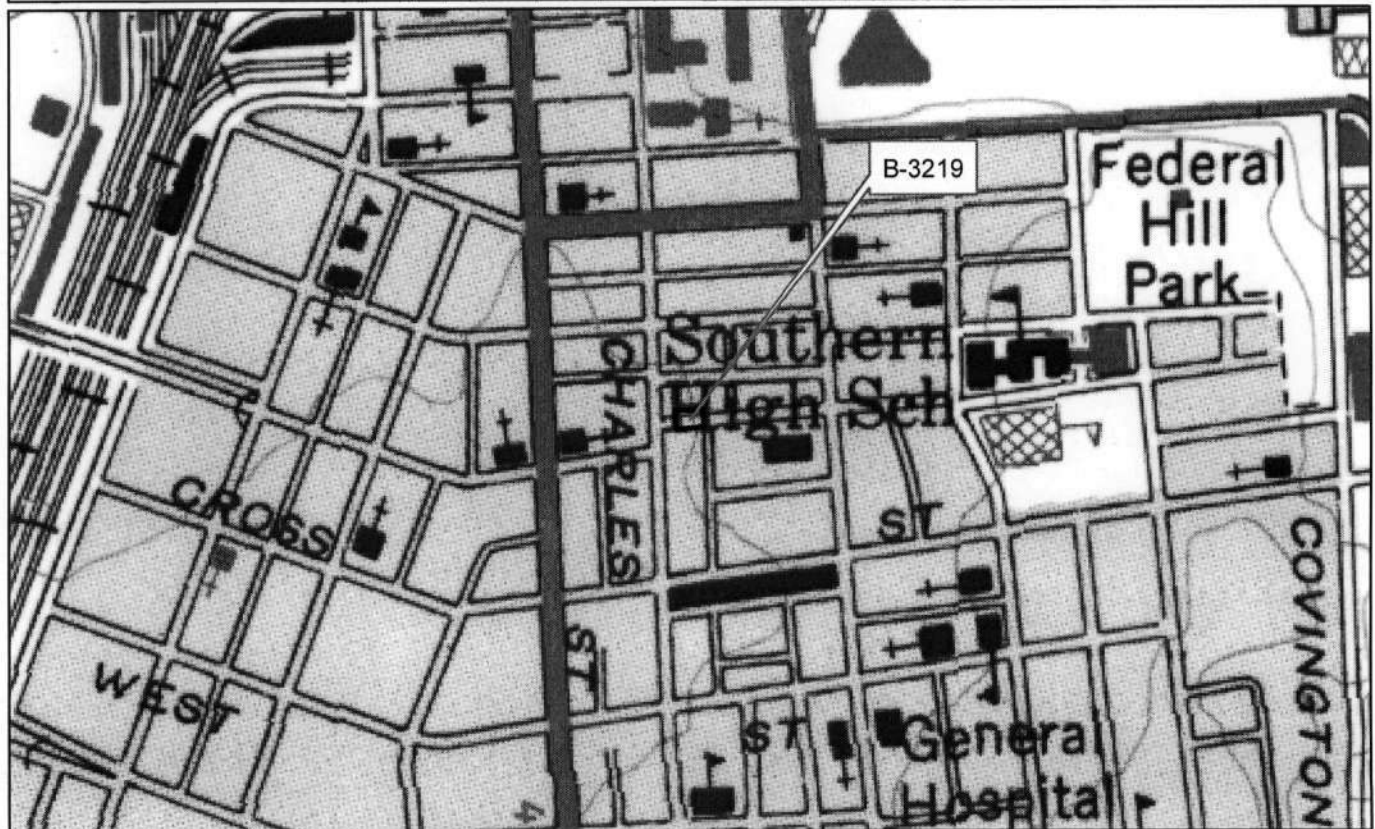
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4-16 E. Hamburg Street
Block 0918 Lot 019-025
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3219 10-16 E. Hamburg St.

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South elevation



B-3219 4-85 E. Hamburg St.

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South elevation